

INAUGURAL EVENTS COVERAGE

# Reflections

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President  
Harry E. Fletcher

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



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## THE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

*And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over (2 Kings 2:12-14).*

As we review the various times in the history of Israel when God appointed new leadership over His heritage, we can see some very interesting and encouraging points.

It has been asserted that every movement or work used of God is thrown into crisis on the death or removal of its leader. While there may be some truth in this, the crisis is by no means fatal unless that work was built on the wrong foundation.

When leadership changes within the economy of God, the type of change will always reveal *the foundation of the ministry*. Because the work of Elijah was based upon the proclamation given by God, the work of the Lord continued under Elisha's ministry. This was also true in the life of Israel when the leadership was transferred from Moses to Joshua. Missionary statesman Oswald Sanders wrote "a work originated by God and conducted on spiritual principles will surmount the shock of a change of leadership and indeed probably will thrive better as a result." Yes, the change reveals the foundation of the ministry.

Anyone acquainted with Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary knows that this ministry was built upon the one Foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Word. Because of that we need not tremble for the Ark of God!

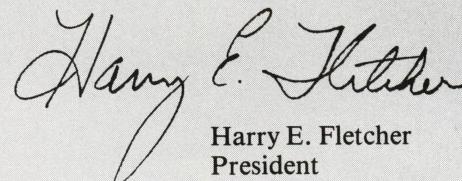
A change in leadership also reveals *the faithfulness of the Master*. Indeed, when the work of one man is finished the work of another man is begun. God has never been taken by surprise nor has He ever been frustrated because His work is under His control. Indeed we sing triumphantly, "great is Thy faithfulness"!

The change in leadership also reveals *the focus of the minister*. I have not been surprised at things I have discovered since I have succeeded Rev. George A. Miles. Every stone I have turned regarding his life and ministry reflects the glory and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. The focus of the ministry of Mr. Miles was the Lordship and Preeminence of Jesus Christ. His vision has been one that is worldwide, and his convictions and decisions have always been based on the authority of the Word of God. It is my hope and prayer to continue that kind of focus here at home and around the world.

As new leadership comes into the picture there is opportunity for the display of the versatility of God as He manifests His faithfulness and His promises. We rest confidently in His immutability.

It is comforting to realize that there is only one leader who holds office perpetually. There is only one for whom no replacement is ever needed. When the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, not one of His disciples ever made a move to appoint one of their number to take His place. The church of Jesus Christ at times has lost the vivid sense of His presence, but there has never been the panic cry of a leaderless army. He has always demonstrated that the distresses and perils of His church lie deeply on His heart.

Since we have a Chief Shepherd Who conducts His work in the power of an endless life, the same yesterday, today and forever, then changes in human leadership need not shake or dismay us. It is a new opportunity for the Lord to manifest His faithfulness. We count it a privilege to build upon the foundation laid by a great man of God, George A. Miles. We look forward to working with you as co-workers in the Gospel until Jesus comes.



Harry E. Fletcher  
President



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# Opportunity For The Future

DR. HARRY E. FLETCHER



There are three items I would like to consider in this inaugural address. The first is **the foundational precepts or where we have been**. The hymnwriter of old penned it so well when he wrote, "I'll praise Him for all that is past. I'll trust Him for all that's to come."

As we take a glimpse at the past and trace God's leading through this institution, we can only rejoice and give glory, honor, and praise to the "Lamb Who is worthy." And yet, while glorifying God alone, we are challenged by the host of faithful men and women who dedicated themselves to the ministry of the Word through this school.

We thank God for the *Prayer Stewards* who are like the widow in Luke 18 known for her continual coming before the Judge. There are also the many *contributors* who have faithfully and sacrificially given of their substance in the support of this ministry. There's a wonderful *faculty and staff* who have counted it a joy and privilege to pour their lives into the lives of students. Even though their remuneration is meager, the Lord has been sufficient, and their needs have been met. And thank God for the members of the *Board of Trustees* who selflessly have given of their time, talents and treasures to the work of the Lord here. All of this has enabled a great host of *graduates*, who have been fed the Bread of Life, to take that same Bread and cast it upon the waters that others might know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

We assemble here this morning because of faithful soldiers of the Cross like A. R. Kuldell, Edward Collamore, Lena Lobaugh, Mary Hervey, Ethel Vance, Eugene Scheele, C. W. Oyer, Ed Stelling, Glenn Wagner and others whose names most of us would never recognize.

Of course, when we mention the name Washington Bible College, we automatically think of George and Ruth Miles -- names that are synonymous with WBC and CBS. No one couple so completely expended themselves for the work of the

Lord here at WBC and CBS like Mr. and Mrs. Miles. To them we are most grateful! The Lord alone knows how many people at this very moment are in the presence of His glory and shall be there for all eternity because of these faithful ones who joined together in a united effort to train witnesses who would represent Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The purpose for our schools is found in the By-Laws and can be summed up in these words: "Our primary purpose is to teach and equip the body of Christ in the Word of God that they might do the work of God as a witness to the world faithfully fulfilling the perfect will of God."

The foundational precepts upon which this school was founded are *the pre-eminence of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of prayer, the preciousness of the Word of God and the partnership within the Church of Jesus Christ*. These precepts have brought us to this hour.

Ever since I was appointed to this office, one question reoccurs constantly. *What's your objective -- your goal -- as you assume the leadership of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary?* Well, there are many goals, both short-term and long-term which I have set, but I believe all of these can fall under my second point in this address which I call **the focused priority or where we are going**.

The priority, burden and vision of my heart and ministry is to see those who leave this campus going forth fulfilling the will of God in their lives as it relates to His sovereign purpose.

The sovereign purpose of God our Savior is expressed in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when He prophetically proclaimed, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The following excerpts are from the Inaugural Address presented by Dr. Harry E. Fletcher, President of Washington Bible College / Capital Bible Seminary at his inauguration on September 15, 1984.

**T**he verses I would like to use as a springboard for our thoughts together are familiar words spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ and recorded in the gospels.

Jesus saith unto them, My food is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest (John 4:34-35).

Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest (Luke 10:2).

Also two verses from Lamentations 3:22, 23, "It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS."

The issue of God having gifted and called one to be a pastor, teacher, translator, secretary, youth worker, musician or to any vocation is secondary. The primary object is that we are involved in the planting of the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world -- to be involved in anything that does not contribute itself primarily toward the task of world evangelization is to miss the will of God!

The only building project in which God is involved today that has eternal consequences is the building of His Church -- a calling out of people from every kindred and nation and peoples group. And if I am to move with God I have to move in His direction. Jesus said, "I will build My Church" -- that is His one focused priority -- and as His followers, it must be ours also.

The great theologian and philosopher Augustine lived in the days when Rome was destroyed. Some of his friends were hesitant to tell him because even though Augustine was deeply concerned for the evils of Rome, he admired and loved that beautiful city. But after they told him of the fall of Rome, Augustine responded, "Whatever men build, men will destroy." But you know, man is not building the Church -- God the Son is and that means it will not be destroyed. He allows us to have a part in it by reaching a lost and hopeless and hell-bound world with the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ralph Winters has been used by the Lord to awake the slumbering Church to the great needs around the world. According to his U.S. Center of World Mission there are 16,750 people groups in the "hidden peoples" category and each one will require a separate, new missionary beachhead. There's the challenge in a nutshell. As our focused priority we must do our part in equipping men and women in the Word of God linking arms with them and their evangelical local churches so that the slogan, "A church for every people by the year 2,000," is realized.

Our focused priority then is to give young men and women the Word of God in such a palatable way that they can go and fulfill the will of God as it relates to His sovereign purpose.

But we must ask, how can this be accomplished, or as my final point suggests, **What are the functional principles?** What can we do to see this focused priority realized?

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First of all, I am suggesting a *ministry to the national church around the world* by training international students. One of the foundational precepts that has undergirded WBC and CBS has been to be a witness to the world. Mr. Miles has always had a great heart for world missions. Because of that vision he was way ahead of his time when he established a scholarship program whereby men and women from foreign countries could come here to study the Word of God with a view toward returning to their countries as witnesses for Christ.

The Great Commission was not given exclusively to the western church or American church but to the Body of Christ around the world. Today there are over 400 mission agencies in the non-western world sending over 10,000 missionaries, and the number is increasing rapidly. We are not called to Americanize the world. We are called to evangelize the world, but we must link arms with the national church around the world as one body of believers.

Here at WBC and CBS we have graduated 47 international students. Over 75% of these are either back in their homeland serving the Lord or are receiving further training in anticipation of returning to their native land.

Samuel Paulson is just one example among many. He was born and raised in the country of India. Since his return he and his co-workers have planted 29 churches in India. India is a country of 685 million people with some 3,000 sub-nations of which only about 100 have some Christian influence. That means that over 2,900 have no church which is native to their particular people group. The total number of people who profess a claim to even nominal Christianity is less than four percent which means according to sound theology that 652,800,000 are on their way to a Christless eternity.

In 1980 I visited India under the auspices of the Bible Club Movement. I saw physical and spiritual poverty like never before. The fact that the Church has basically closed her eyes to that country was illustrated my last night there when I took the national director and his wife out to dinner.

The waiter seated us by a large picture window overlooking the city of Hyderabad. I was ready to take my first bite when I happened to look out the picture window

and there, pressed against it, were the noses of seven to ten little children staring at my food. They looked emaciated. Needless to say, I lost my appetite.

The waiter quickly came over and pulled down the venetian blind and said to me, "I'm sorry sir, enjoy your meal. Don't let them bother you." I asked myself, "Isn't that exactly what we've been doing to a spiritually poor and bankrupt world?" We pull down our blinds and in so doing think we remove the problem but the problem does not go away!

We must not pull down the blinds. In fact we need all the exposure and the facts on hand in order to develop a strategy for world evangelization.

Jesus reminds us to "Look on the fields that are white unto harvest." We are committed to doing that and to helping our brothers and sisters around the globe who do not have the resources with which God has so richly blessed America.

Right now we have 41 international students from 16 different countries on campus. They represent Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Brazil, Mexico, West Indies, Australia, Bermuda, China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, South Vietnam and India. These men and women know the language and culture of their homeland and can return equipped with the knowledge of the Word of God. I remind you that this costs WBC and CBS \$45,900 for which we must trust the Lord completely! God may work in your heart and life to give to the International Student Scholarship Fund. It is a fantastic investment of your missionary dollars. You can literally touch the world by helping us train these 41 international students who will return as ambassadors for Christ.

The second functional principle is a *mobilization of prayer*. It's rather impossible to think of world evangelism without also thinking of the words of our Lord in Luke 10:2, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." There's the biblical formula from heaven for the recruitment of missionaries!

Someone once said that every great missionary movement began with a kneeling figure. As I looked back at some of the great missionary movements, I found that to be true.

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# on the CUTTING edge

WAYNE STRICKLAND

As the church celebrates the 600th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into English by John Wycliffe, it seems appropriate to take a brief look at his life and ministry. In so doing, we will find that he was on the "cutting edge" of God's work in his day.

## HIS SIGNIFICANCE

While not many people are familiar with the life of John Wycliffe and scarcely a handful of Christians have ever read his works, yet Christians of all ages can learn much from his life. The nineteenth-century historian, Montagu Burrows, gives the following tribute to Wycliffe:

To Wyclif we owe, more than to any one person who can be mentioned, our English language, our English Bible, and our reformed religion. How easily the words slip from the tongue! But, is not this almost the very atmosphere we breathe? Expand that three-fold claim a little further. It means nothing less than this: that in Wyclif we have the acknowledged father of English prose, the first translator of the whole Bible into the language of the English people, the first disseminator of that Bible amongst all classes, the foremost intellect of his times brought to bear upon the religious questions of the day . . . (Montagu Burrows, *Wyklif's Place in History*, p. 23)

Similarly, a twentieth-century historian remarks:

Wycliffe's accomplishments were influential in paving the way for subsequent reformation in England. He gave the English their first Bible in the vernacular and created the Lollard group to proclaim evangelical ideas all over England among the common people. (Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through the Centuries*, p. 277)

Perhaps Herbert B. Workman sums it up best:

Wyklif may justly be called the Morning Star of the Reformation; he was a herald of a new age. Though in some respects his life reads like that of one born out of due time his work was not without result. His critical spirit prepared the way for future reconstructions, and his teaching, though seemingly buried with him, lay like seed, during the long winter of the fifteenth century, waiting for the coming of a brighter day. (*The Dawn of the Reformation*, vol. 1, p. 222)

All of these historians, in their own ways, are saying the same thing: the man, John Wycliffe, was on the cutting edge of God's program.

## HIS EARLY LIFE

The paucity of information regarding Wycliffe's childhood and early life stands in sharp contrast to his weighty significance to the Church. Even the year of his birth is uncertain, although many historians place it in 1330. Further, his educational background is sketchy. He probably attended nearby Balliol College, where he spent the majority of his Oxford days. By 1371, Wycliffe came to be regarded as the leading theologian and philosopher at Oxford and was the premier academician of his time. Because of Wycliffe's prominence, Oxford surpassed Paris in the battle for academic supremacy. In 1372 he earned his Doctorate of Divinity after many long years of pursuit.

## HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

The next phase of Wycliffe's life as an established scholar in the Roman Catholic Church was characterized by his attacks on the abuses in the Church. His ideas regarding the vast property holdings of the Roman Catholic Church, in a time when the burden of taxation was increasing because of the war with France, put him into direct conflict with the Church. Wycliffe encouraged that these massive Church properties be turned over to the government.

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Eventually, Pope Gregory XI delivered five papal bulls against Wycliffe and ordered him handed over to be questioned. Because of the eventual intervention by the Queen Mother, nothing ever came of these bulls. However, during his later life he became more withdrawn from public life, and in 1381 he was banished from teaching at Oxford. He then returned to his parish at Lutterworth. During these last years he argued for the concept of the Church as the assembly of the pre-destined saints with Christ as the sole head. Since

Christ never sanctioned indulgences, Wycliffe spoke out against the selling of indulgences in the Church. This naturally repulsed the Roman Catholic Church. In addition, he advocated the study of the Bible for spiritual life, and emphasized a personal relationship with Christ.

With the publishing of two tracts in 1379 and 1380, Wycliffe clearly demonstrated that he was a "heretic" as far as the Roman Catholic hierarchy was concerned. Wycliffe objected to what he viewed as the idolatrous and superstitious practices of the mass and the idea that at the communion the elements became the actual body and blood of Christ.

Probably the greatest contribution of Wycliffe, however, was his stand with regard to the authority of Scripture. He came to the conclusion that the Bible should be the source of doctrine so that every Christian should have access to the Bible. He also suggested that the Bible stressed Christ, and Him alone, as the way to salvation. In his view, the Roman Catholic Church was wrong to add works such as the Mass.

In order to understand the significance of this strong assertion of the authority of Scripture, it must be noted that even the English clergy were basically limited to the Latin Vulgate. They had virtually no access to the Scriptures in English, since only minor portions had been translated into English. Thus, there was no hope that the ordinary masses of people would be able to profit from the Bible. As a result of his belief that all people should be able to read the Bible for themselves, Wycliffe spearheaded efforts to translate the Scriptures into English.

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Convinced of the authority of Scripture, Wycliffe spent his life promoting the benefit of every believer having the Scriptures to study. His reason for promoting the need to know the Bible was that in it was revealed that Christ and Christ only was the means of salvation. The "sophisticated" aids proposed by Roman Catholicism, such as the Mass, would be exposed as fraudulent if only the Word of God were more accessible to the people. He wrote, "Holy Scripture is the preeminent authority for every Christian and the rule of faith and of all human perfection" (*On The Truth of Holy Scripture*, p. 392). In an effort to place the Bible into the hands of the laity so they might learn the fundamentals of the faith, Wycliffe and his group of scholars translated the Bible from the Latin Vulgate into the Midland English dialect despite the protests of the Church which considered only the Latin language suitable for such sacred writ. Wycliffe himself lived to see the first complete English translation of the Bible, although he died prior to the completion of the revision of what came to be known as the "Wycliffe Bible."

In 1382 he suffered a stroke which partially paralyzed him, and on Holy Innocent's Day in 1384 he suffered his second stroke leading to his death on December 31, 1384.

Wycliffe had never been officially condemned by the Roman Catholic Church during his lifetime, but in 1415 the Council of Constance condemned John Wycliffe and ordered his writings burned. The Council also ordered that his bones be exhumed and cast out of "consecrated" earth. In 1428, by papal directive, Wycliffe's remains were dug out, burned and scattered into the small river Swift.

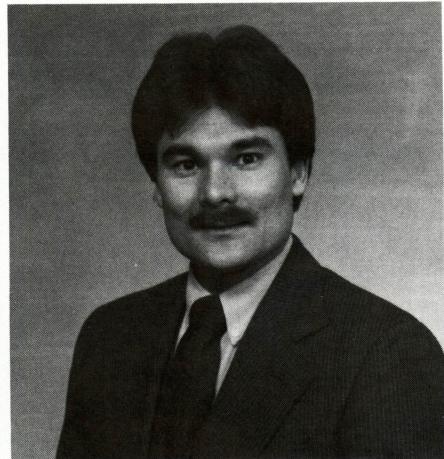
#### HIS LESSON FOR US TODAY

The spirit of this "Morningstar of the Reformation" must be our spirit and attitude with regard to the Scripture and the ministry. Wycliffe's commitment to the absolute authority of Scripture and the importance of every man being able to read God's Word in his own language should be ours as well. Similarly, just as Wycliffe aggressively pressed on in his ministry for God, so we must utilize our spiritual gifts and talents on His behalf. Wycliffe's commitment is explained in a slightly different manner by Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:24-26:

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; . . . (NASB)

Such is the heritage we inherit from John Wycliffe, so that whatever our ministry -- whether teaching Sunday School, preaching, or maintaining the cleanliness of the sanctuary -- we should be on the "cutting edge," always diligent and committed to that ministry no matter what the cost.

**Reflections**



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# Light from the Languages

## An Empty Broken Bottle

HOMER HEATER, JR.

**J**eremiah the prophet uses many kinds of object lessons in his effort to communicate to the Jewish people of his day the message of repentance and obedience. One of those object lessons is found in Jeremiah 19.

God tells Jeremiah to take elders of the people and the priests to the valley of Hinnom to witness what he is going to do. The Hinnom valley lay to the west of the city of Jerusalem.

There were originally three valleys around Jerusalem. The eastern valley is well known as the Kidron. It is very obvious today as the very steep-sided valley separating the City of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Jesus crossed this valley to and from his trips to Jerusalem. The center valley was called the Tyropoean, or Cheesemaker's valley. Through the centuries, this valley gradually was filled in as the people spread across it to the western hill (now called, erroneously, Mount Zion).

The third valley is the one to which Jeremiah is now commanded to go. It was called the valley of the sons of Hinnom or simply the valley of Hinnom. The valley has this name as early as Joshua (15:8). It was probably named after an early owner or someone connected with it. The valley was used for pagan worship by apostate Jews. 2 Chronicles 28:3 tells us that Ahaz burned incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and burned his children in fire. The most apostate king, Manasseh, caused his children to go through the fire in the same valley according to 2 Chronicles 33:6.

The Hebrew name for this valley, Ge-Hinnom, comes into the Greek as Gehenna. The valley, because of its long association with idolatry and the burning of children, coupled with the possibility that it was at one time used as the city "dump" where burning went on continuously, came to be a symbol of the place of eternal punishment.

It is into this valley that Jeremiah is commanded to go with the elders. God tells him to take a bottle with him. Bottles in that day were not glass as we have them, but were made of pottery. The Hebrew word for this bottle is significant, for Jeremiah is going to play on the name later as he uses it to illustrate his point. The Hebrew word is "bakbuk." This is what we call onomatopoeia: the sound an article makes is the name of the article. This is the sound of a bottle being emptied. As the air follows the liquid, there is the sound of "bak, bak, bak."

The basic content of the message delivered to the people is found in verses 3-5. Because Israel has abandoned Jehovah and burned incense to other gods and has thereby caused the city and the temple to be treated as a foreign place, God is

going to bring calamity against the people and the city.

It is not that the Jews believed they were abandoning Jehovah; they simply thought they could worship Him and other deities simultaneously. They adopted the syncretistic approach of the people of their day: worship as many gods as possible so as to be protected in as many areas as possible. By Jeremiah's day the apostasy has reached unprecedented proportions. This was true in spite of the reform movement carried out by young King Josiah.

The result of such apostasy can only be judgment. "Therefore, the days are coming, says Jehovah, when this place will no longer be called 'Topheth' or 'Valley of Hinnom,' but rather 'Valley of Slaughter'" (Jer. 19:6). No one is sure where the name 'Topheth' comes from or what it means. It may be related to the word "spit," but this is not certain. Whatever it was called in the past, it will no longer be called that because God is going to cause a horrible slaughter to take place in this valley. Furthermore, says God, "I will frustrate the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place" (v. 7). The word "frustrate" is the Hebrew word *bakti*, from the same root as *bakbuk* above. The object lesson is not going to be fully employed until later, but even here, I suspect Jeremiah brandished the bottle as he said, "I am going to empty out the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem." Finally, God instructs him to smash the bottle in their presence (vv. 10-11) and to say, "This is the way I will smash this people and this city just as one smashes a potter's vessel so that it cannot be repaired again."

Jerusalem was besieged the third time by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. As an act of anger and frustration at the people who had rebelled against him, he tore down the city walls, destroyed the temple, and carried many people into captivity. The Book of Lamentations depicts some of the horrors incident to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem, such as famine, starvation, and even cannibalism, to say nothing of the slaughter of many. The Jews thought that God would not judge them because of the temple in their midst, but he "emptied out their counsel" and "broke them as one breaks a bottle."

Judgment upon nations and individual is rooted in the holy and righteous character of God. His love and patience held back judgment for many years, but eventually their failure to repent brought down upon them the flood waters of His righteous indignation.

What was true of Judah is applicable to nations and individuals today, including believers. To Christians today God has given clear and explicit instructions which he expects us to obey. If Judah did not escape the discipline of God for their disobedience, can we hope to avoid a chastening for refusing to obey God's Word? May we learn to listen with care to what our Father tells us to do lest we have our "bottles broken" as was Judah's.

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# Presidentia

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I shared with my Christian Life class of 64 students that I believe through prayer we can make an impact upon the world. I long to see our campus filled with pockets of Spirit-filled students who are so serious about world evangelism that they meet in small groups, large groups or alone and pour their hearts out to God for a revival for the work of the Lord around the world!

In the 1880's and 90's there were only 1/37th as many colleges as today but the Student Volunteer Movement netted 100,000 volunteers who gave their lives for missions. Twenty thousand actually went overseas and the other 80,000 were used to begin the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

A major thrust took place years later when a student volunteer in Los Angeles went to Guatemala and moving from village to village distributed gospel literature in the Spanish language. However, there were many Indian groups which did not speak Spanish. He soon realized that Spanish evangelism would never reach all the Guatemalan people.

He was further convinced of this when an Indian asked him, "If your God is so smart, why can't He speak our language?" Cameron Townsend was that man's name. From his vision came the Wycliffe Bible Translators with over 4,000 members dedicated to reaching the new frontiers. More recently mission boards dedicated to reaching the "hidden peoples" like the World Evangelical Outreach, Frontiers Mission, Operation Mobilization and a host of others have been born.

If we are to successfully achieve our focused priority then we must see a mobilization of prayer as our highest functional principle.

There is one more functional principle -- *a missions-minded program staffed by missions-minded personnel*. By this I do not mean that every graduate of WBC and CBS is to feel guilty if he or she does not go to the foreign mission field. Nor does it mean that our faculty and staff are composed of foreign missionaries. I believe the Capital Bible Seminary and Washington Bible College program is second to none with two academic deans and faculties committed to academic excellence and genuine spirituality. For years the schools have produced workers equipped with the tools of exegesis so that they can handle the Word of God confidently and unashamedly. At this very moment we have WBC and CBS graduates serving Jesus Christ around the world in strategic ministries. Many of these are right here in the U.S.A.



Saturday, September 15, 1984, marked a milestone in the history of Washington Bible Seminary. At 10 o'clock A.M., Dr. Harry E. Fletcher was installed as the third president of the college.

This historic event was witnessed by a great host of students, local civic and business leaders and an impressive list of guests.

Special music was provided for the occasion by the Fletcher family (Dr. Fletcher's wife and niece of the president) sang a duet.

Mr. Maurice Hauschildt, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Miles, the second president, conferred upon Dr. Fletcher the responsibilities of the office.

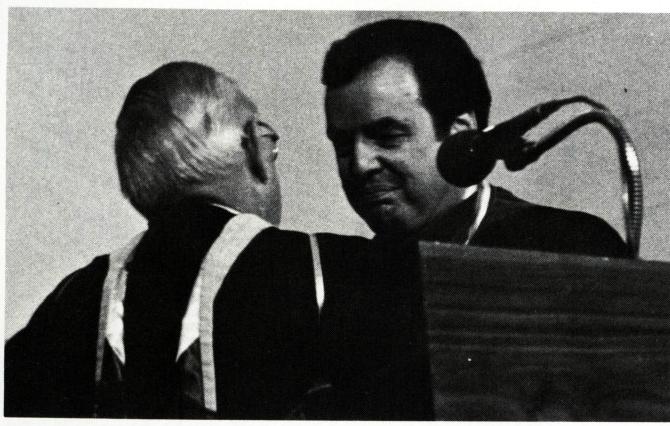
It was a solemn moment as Dr. Fletcher knelt and prayed with Dr. Gerald Small offered the prayer of dedication requested by the Board of Directors. The prayer was stowed in the past on His chosen leaders.

Dr. Fletcher's challenging inaugural address was delivered with conviction and clarity. The convictions of his heart, the priorities of his life and the principles of his leadership were clearly expressed.

The excitement of the day was captured by the cameras and the press. The Bible College.

The weekend, which began with an alumni dinner on Friday evening, continued with a special service for the students on Saturday night.

# Inauguration



**he life of the Washington Bible College and the Capital  
is inaugurated as the third president of WBC and CBS.  
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try of the WBC Cougar soccer team over Northeastern**

**Friday night, concluded with a dinner for parents and**

As an alumnus of WBC and CBS I pastored three churches here in America, and I have never felt I missed the will of God for my life. In fact, I can say with full conviction that I have delighted in doing the will of God, and for me that has meant remaining in the States.

This will be the calling for many of our men and women who will graduate with majors in Bible to serve in the pastorate, elementary education, youth ministry, counseling, church planting, music, Bible college or Seminary teaching, or a host of other vocations to which God will call them -- their emphasis will be the same as God's! It will be the building of the Church here at home and around the world.

I believe with all my heart in the primacy of the local church and that we are an extension of local churches and accountable to the local churches. But I likewise believe that our work around the world will be directly proportionate to the stability of the Bible-believing churches here at home. We are dedicated to producing strong men of the scriptures who can be preachers of the Book in the power of the Holy Spirit. At WBC and CBS we are committed to assisting the local church in the equipping of full-time Christian servants, but we likewise need the support of the local church.

Never has the *opportunity* to preach the Gospel been *greater*. Never has the *hour* been so *dark*. Never has the *cry* for help been so *urgent*. Never has the *need* been so *great*.

I ask you for your support. I need your prayers and gifts. I cannot emphasize enough the tremendous need we have at this very moment. We need one million dollars in gifts from God's people. We need some large gifts, and yet we realize that no amount given is insignificant! Please pray about this, and ask God what your part should be in this ministry.

I welcome your partnership. I covet your prayers. We do this together for His praise alone.

## Reflections

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**NOTE: Tapes of the Inaugural Service are available. You may order them at a cost of \$2.50 by contacting the Public Affairs Office.**

# Family Focus

The News and Needs of the WBC / CBS Family

## NEW EXCITEMENT

Capital Bible Seminary reached a new high by enrolling 134 students this fall. Dean Homer Heater said recently, "We are finding a growing interest in CBS on the part of men who have spent some time in ministry and now desire graduate study."

The attitude on the College-side of the campus is very exhilarating as new students have joined with a new president and numerous new faculty members. Miss Pam Smith, a junior from South Mountain, PA, states, "I am so excited about our school. It is great to see the enthusiasm, especially of the freshmen."

Pray with us as we plan for added growth in the future.

## ECFA MEMBERSHIP

WBC and CBS recently were accepted into membership by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. ECFA is an independent organization designed to assure government agencies, the public, and you, our friends and donors, that we are operating on sound financial principles and that we are open to financial accountability and disclosure.

## BEALL RECEIVES PH.D.

**Rev. Todd Beall**, Registrar and Associate Professor of Old Testament at CBS, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Semitic studies from Catholic University. Dr. Beall did his undergraduate work at Princeton University majoring in English. He received his Master of Theology at Capital with a major in Hebrew/Old Testament.

We congratulate him on this accomplishment.

## LONIE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

**Rev. Don Lonie**, well-known youth specialist, was the featured speaker for the College fall Spiritual Life Conference. The response of the students was, in Lonie's own words, "Terrific . . . they are a great group of kids."

Mr. Lonie was also the speaker for a Saturday night youth rally hosted on campus. Over 300 teens from area local churches came to hear a challenge from the Word of God and to enjoy the vocal artistry of Bob and Patty Fischer.

This youth rally was the first of a series to be held during the year. Future rallies will be held in January, March and June.

## M.A. IN MISSIONS ANNOUNCED

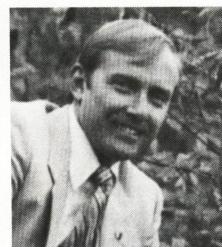
The Board of Trustees recently approved a new Missions major in the Master of Arts curriculum at CBS. Dean Homer Heater says that "the emphasis will be in cross-cultural communications and overseas ministry, with a strong biblical foundation." The program will begin in the fall of 1985.

## NEW FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

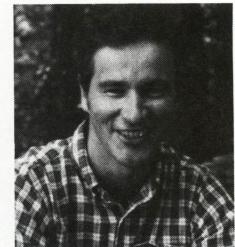
President Harry E. Fletcher recently introduced new College and Seminary personnel.

**Mr. David Hillis** comes as Dean of Students in the College. His wife **Scottie** will be the Dean of Women. Mr. Hillis is an alumnus of Columbia Bible College, LeTourneau College and holds an M.A. from Liberty Baptist Seminary. For the past 14 years Mr. Hillis directed the ministry of Word of Life Fellowship in Australia. We welcome them and their three sons to WBC.

**Mr. Don Hillis**, former Associate Director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, will join our College and Seminary staff as special representative and instructor of missions. Dr. Hillis will be available for Bible and missionary conferences and will assist in the Missions Departments of the College and Seminary.



Left:  
**Mr. David Hillis**



Right:  
**Mr. O. H. Hirt**



Left:  
**Rev. D. Epstein**  
Right:  
**Miss C. Doerfler**



**Mr. O. Herbert Hirt** is Dean of Men and teaches in the New Testament Department. He is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible and Dallas Theological Seminary. He is also a candidate for the Doctor of Theology degree from DTS.

Herb and his wife Diane have two children. Herb's father, Mr. Oscar H. Hirt, is director of BCM International.

**Rev. David Epstein** has been appointed Chairman of the Educational Ministries Department. Dave has been a member of the College faculty since 1980. He is a WBC and CBS graduate and is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Maryland. He and his wife Sandy have two boys and a girl.

**Miss Chris Doerfler** is a new member of the English Department. She holds a B.A. from WBC and a Master of Education from Bowie State College. She formerly was Secretary to the Academic Dean.

Part-time faculty appointments include **Mr. Jerry Benjamin** and **Rev. Ronald Satta**.

## STAFF APPOINTMENTS

<b>Miss Sue Enright</b>	College Nurse
<b>Mrs. Connie Ferrar</b>	Receptionist
<b>Mrs. Linda Folk</b>	College Hostess
<b>Miss Lynne Gaines</b>	Assistant Dean of Women
<b>Mrs. Harriette Gordon</b>	Secretary to the Academic Dean
<b>Miss Mary Hunter</b>	CBS Secretary
<b>Mrs. Marie Schubert</b>	Secretary to Department of Buildings and Grounds

## FALWELL SPEAKS TO PACKED CHAPEL

On September 21, **Dr. Jerry Falwell**, Pastor of Thomas Roads Baptist Church, spoke to a combined College and Seminary chapel. He had been invited by President Fletcher to speak on the subject of "Issues in Politics Confronting the Christian." At the conclusion he received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

## NEW PROGRAM FOR SPOUSES

Spouses of full-time College and Seminary students may take one course for credit each quarter or semester at no charge. The purpose is to more adequately train the family for effective ministry. The spouse must complete the regular admission process before registering.

## COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAMS NAME CHANGED

For many years the College athletic teams at WBC have been called the "Warriors." This year the name has been changed to "**Cougars**." Athletic Director **Geoff Wheeler** says, "We asked the students and this is the name they chose." We invite you to get a copy of the "Sports Schedule" and see the Cougars in action.

## DR. FLETCHER'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

### November

- 4-6 St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church, York, PA  
9 Friends Dinner, Norfolk, VA  
16 A.T.O.M., Inc., Banquet, York, PA  
17-18 Cornerstone Baptist Church, Cumberland, MD

### December

- 2 Odenton Baptist Church, Odenton, MD  
13 Good News Mission Banquet, Olney, MD  
19 Bethel Bible Church, Boulevard Heights, MD

## MILES MARRIES

On August 16, **President Emeritus George A. Miles** was married to the former **LaDelle Dawson Milo**. The wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ehlers on the Severn River in Annapolis. Officiating at the ceremony were Dr. Harry E. Fletcher and Rev. Robert T. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles presently reside at 6511 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, MD 20706. Mr. Miles will be representing WBC and CBS in Bible conferences and special ministries. If you would like him to come to your church, contact the Public Affairs Office.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### PRAISE

1. Praise the Lord for the wonderful response to the Campus Debt Reduction Project in honor of President Emeritus George A. Miles. Some \$440,000 has been contributed with more still being given.
2. We rejoice in the smooth transition that has taken place as Dr. Fletcher succeeds Mr. Miles. We know it is in answer to much prayer. Thank you for praying.

### PRAYER

1. Pray for our students and their adjustments to the academic pace of College and Seminary. Pray that they might see the Lord provide for their spiritual and material well being.
2. Pray for the many alumni who are involved in deputation for missionary service, are waiting for entrance visas for foreign lands and are waiting on the Lord to place them in the right ministry here at home.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 29-Nov. 2 **Week of Evangelism**  
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Wendell Calder**,  
Evangelist, Living Waters Bible  
Conference

### NOVEMBER

- 5-9 WBC Winter Lectures  
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Charles Anderson**, Pastor  
University Baptist Church  
9 CBS Winter Quarter Registration

### DECEMBER

- 7-8 **Auxiliary Christmas Buffet and Concert**  
20 WBC December Graduation  
22-Jan. 1 Christmas Recess

### JANUARY

- 15-16 WBC Registration



## Alumni,

We want to extend a special invitation to you to visit our campus this year to see what God is doing in the lives of young men and women being trained in the Word just as you were -- how many years ago?

It would also be a tremendous encouragement to our new president, Dr. Harry Fletcher, to know he has your support as he leads the schools this year.

We feel confident that he would be delighted to spend a few minutes greeting you when you come on campus. His enthusiasm for the Lord's work is contagious and you, too, will go away excited that you came by to see your "alma mater."

Carol Potter  
Alumni Affairs Secretary

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### 1980 - Present

**Brent Allen** (WBC '80) graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary this past May and is now serving as Assistant Pastor of Grace Community Church, Danbury, CT, along with his wife Lori and daughter Christine.

**Ernie and Rose (Rapinchuk) Baker, Jr.** (CBS '83, WBC '81) are serving at Limerick Chapel, Limerick, PA, where Ernie is Minister of Christian Education.

**Dale** (WBC '82) and **Judy (Wills) Berg** are stationed at Cherry Point, NC, with the U.S. Marine Corps. Dale will be travelling to Japan for a six-month tour of duty in October.

**Charlie** (WBC '81) and Karen **Bing** are happy for graduation in April from Dallas Theological Seminary and Charlie's position as Minister of Evangelism and Discipleship at Cleburne Bible Church. He has plans to continue his studies in the doctoral program at DTS.

**Special Note:** Look for an article in a future issue of "Kindred Spirit" written by Charlie.

**Jim and Joanne (Lyon) Callahan** (WBC '80), Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Malaysia, continue to ask that you pray for the granting of their visas. They applied for their visas in July 1983. Pray for God's timing and for their patience as they wait upon Him.

**Roger** (WBC '80) and **Becky (Fike, WBC '79) Christiana**, and daughter Heather have joined the staff of New Life Bible Camp, PA. Roger will be serving as Assistant Director. They would be happy to share the ministry of family camping if you would be interested.

**Curtis and Donna (Ballard, WBC '84) Edwards** have begun an internship at Reston Bible Church in preparation for the mission field. Pray that God would teach them as they minister the Gospel through the local church.

**Estelle Gross** (CBS '83, WBC '78), Right Way Ministries, Int'l, asks prayer for wisdom as she develops the programs for this new ministry. She is excited about the opportunities for ministry overseas.

**Dean** (CBS '80) and **Sylvia Hebron**, Berean Mission, New Zealand, look forward to serving at Taranaki Bible College in the summer of 1985. Pray for their contacts for deputation meetings.

**Tony Hewitt** (WBC '82), Int'l Missions, Surinam, rejoices in the new converts the Lord has given. Tony finds himself busy with a children's Bible study, youth group and "door to door" visitation.

**Jerry Hite** (WBC '83) accepted the youth pastorate at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, Malverne, NY.

**David** (CBS '81, WBC '72) and **Karen (Bailey, WBC '80) McDowell** - Karen recently visited campus and gave an update. Dave teaches New Testament, Greek and History at London Baptist Bible College. Karen is taking a break from a Master's program to work at the College library. She also coaches the women's volleyball team at the school

**Marianne Miller** (WBC '84), CEF, Cyprus, enjoyed an opportunity to come to the States this summer for her sister's wedding. Pray for the office as they seek the Lord's direction for provision of funds for printing equipment and facility. This would enhance their ministry to the children as they print in their own language.

**Ruth Nkombalume** (WBC '83) is working at the Christian Bookshop in Zambia while she waits for God's provision to continue her education in pursuing a Master's degree.

**David** (CBS '82, WBC '80) and **Carolyn (Johnson) Oppenheimer** wrote to share of their ministry at Berea Bible Church, Clarksburg, MD, where they are actively involved with teens in their AWANA program and a home Bible study.

**Steve and Arlene (Fletcher, WBC '82) Richardson**, WEO, Indonesia, remain in the States to complete their Masters' programs at Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions, SC.

**Ralph and Maridee Sauer** (CBS '83), WEO, Niger, are home on medical leave due to a viral infection which resulted in weight loss for Maridee. Pray for her recovery so that they might return to serve among the Tuareg people.

**Bruce** (CBS '83) and **Pam** (WBC '82) **Sinclair**, CAM Int'l, Mexico, are excited about becoming involved in lay leadership among the Mexican Christians.

**Michael** (CBS '84) and **Donna (Tart, WBC '78) Sprague** accepted the position of Minister of Shepherding at Forcey Memorial Church, Silver Spring, MD.

**Joyce Stauffer** (WBC '80), Int'l Missions, Hong Kong, asks prayer for her continued language studies at the Chinese University. She will be involved with a kindergarten and have opportunity to visit in the homes of the children which will afford her usage of the language.

**Mike** (WBC '83) and **Kathy Tremblay** are pastoring the Wentworth Baptist Church in Orford, NH, and rejoice in the evident spiritual growth of their people.

**Sinh** (WBC '81) and **Mai Ung**, WEO, Hong Kong, were pleased to witness the baptism of 100 new Christians from the Hei-Ling-Chau refugee camp. This was the first in two years for the government to allow in closed centers.

**Fred** (CBS '81) and **Norma Wittman**, WEF Ministries, Australia, have plans underway for the "Australian Bible Seminary." Pray for the provision of facilities and books for a library.

**Vance and Patty (Hollis) Woodyard** (WBC '80), WEO, Papua New Guinea, rejoice in God's sending Pastor Mama and his wife to join them as co-workers in the Konai outreach. Pray for them as they help in the training of these nationals.

### 1976 - 1979

**Carol Baur** (WBC '79), WEO, Papua New Guinea, finds herself busy with two groups of Girl's Brigade, a high school girls Sunday School class and Religious Instruction class in the high school. She also enjoys caring for the banking needs of the local Huli people.

**Ken** (CBS '77, WBC '72) and **Joey (Brooks, AE '77) Beichler**, Arctic Mission, British Columbia, rejoice with the three first-time graduates of the Native Bible Centre this past June. They were home on "special assignment" during the summer months.

**Jim Birkitt** (WBC '79) spent eight days in the Los Angeles area participating in church growth seminars. He was awarded a certificate of achievement for "successful church leadership" during this visit.

**Jim and Jennifer (Alsruehe, WBC '79) Bowers**, United World Mission, Mali, left for their field of service in West Africa during the month of July. They will be going into a drought situation so pray for their adjustment during these days.

**Bruce** (CBS '79, WBC '72) and **Ruth (Baskin) Busch**, Gospel Furthering Fellowship, Kenya, ask special prayer for funds to reduce their car debt, health for the family, and for the students at the Bible Institute.

**AI** (CBS '83) and **Duke (Schwartz, WBC '76) Butkovich**, FIM/Portugal Fellowship, Portugal, were home for a brief furlough to raise their support. Pray with them that the Lord will provide for their needs at this time.

**Sharon Cason** (WBC '79), Bethanna Christian Home, PA, was blessed after visiting on campus last spring to share the ministry of the home. As a result, several students made application to serve on staff.

**Dean** (CBS '78) and **Joan Chollar**, GEM, Belgium, will be teaching at the Evangelical Theological Seminary.

**Chuck Dexter** (WBC '79), M.V. Logos, toured Ireland where he met a young man, Laurence, who came to know the Lord as Savior. Chuck directed him to the church where **Steve Schappert** (CBS '80) ministers. It was on to Portugal where he worked with **Joe Henriques** (CBS '75) and **Mike Albert** (WBC '82). Chuck has plans to leave the ship and begin looking for another ministry on another OM field. Pray for God's guidance in the days ahead.

**Daniel** (WBC '74) and **Mary (AE '79) Dugan** completed their first year of pastoring at Providence Bible Church, Hedgesville, WV, this past March.

**Lee** (WBC '79) and **Gerry Harclerode II**, Western Indian Ministries, Inc., will be ministering to the Navajo and Hopi Indians through hospital chaplaincy. Gerry will utilize her nursing abilities in the mission school and crisis pregnancy center.

**Pat** (WBC '79) and **Robin Kearney**, WEO, Thailand, made a decision to join the WEO team in Bangkok. Pray for Robin as she takes a one year course of study at Capital this year in preparation for their future ministry.

**Olah** (CBS '78) and **Debbie (Carter) Moore**, FIM/BMTC, Nigeria, were requested by the Christian Witness Team to remain with the ministry for one more year. Olah will continue to be of help to the College as they seek affiliation with the University of Calabar while Debbie will continue to be involved with the clinic program.

**Lloyd** (WBC '78) and **Jeannette Olsen** will be pastoring a church in Caracas, Venezuela, beginning January 1985. The Olsens have a son David and a baby girl Michelle.

**James and Elizabeth (Keast) Schaefer** (WBC '79), Grace Brethren Missions, Mexico, have recently arrived on the field where they will be involved in language study at the University of Mexico for a year.

**Dennis Shelly** (CBS '77, WBC '73), FIM/BMTC, Nigeria, sent an update on the inflation rate which stands at an increase of 300%. How about this ladies! One gallon of vegetable oil costs \$40. Rev. John Hornok, father of our grads Ken, Dave, Sue and Richard, plans a lecture series on Mormonism during November/December.

**Jackie Smallbones** (WBC '77), Rosebank Bible College, South Africa, has been using her "American cooking" to give many opportunities for building personal relationships with her students. Pray for wisdom as she finds herself doing much counseling.

**Jesse Van Schepen** (WBC '77), UFM Int'l, Ireland, enjoys her ladies' Bible study and would value your prayers as she shares the importance of a personal commitment to Jesus Christ with these women. She and **Debbie Reeder** (WBC '78) are involved together with a "Pal Club."

**Gary** (WBC '78) and **Linda Wheeler** accepted the youth pastorate at Calvary Baptist Church in Manteca, CA. They completed their ministry with YFC this past June.

**Ruth Wright** (WBC '78), WEO, Papua New Guinea, was home for a brief furlough and shared of the good work at Balimo Health Center. She asked prayer for the students as they take their national exam for licensing in October.

## 1971 - 1975

**Carlin** (WBC '72) and **Linda (Dishman, WBC '71) Dempsey** are ministering at Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, WI, where Carlin is head football coach.

**Rod** (WBC '75) and **Eileen (Rish, WBC '74) Doran** are pastoring the Westville Congregational Christian Church in Beloit, OH.

**Lou** (WBC '72) and **Jan (Hunter, WBC '70) Felo**, UFM Int'l, France, have been involved at Sayre Woods Baptist Church where Lou is associate pastor. Jan continues to see doctors for her headaches and has undergone many tests and taken trial medications without much help. She is now seeing another doctor in hopes that he will be able to give assistance and relief to her. Pray for Jan and for the family as they await the Lord's timing for them to return to France (anticipated return -- July 1985).

**Wayne** (WBC '72) and **Marie (Burkholder, WBC '71) Harms**, MAVPAC, Inc., FL, recently received commendation for superior leadership and outstanding management of the chapel affairs at Homestead AFB. Marie also had an opportunity to speak to one of the chapel's "Lenten Luncheon" series with 65 in attendance.

**Phil** (WBC '75) and **Barb Klumpp**, ABWE, Philippines, have moved from Leyte Clinic to Baybay where the Lord has provided a church family of 42.

**Jack Owen** (WBC '72) stopped by the office to tell us of God's miraculous healing. He was seriously injured in a car accident in January. He is thrilled that he is now walking and continuing to heal from the injuries. Thank you for praying for him and his family.

**Paul** (CBS '71, WBC '68) and **Judith (Rine, WBC '68) Pease**, IFCA/Fort Polk, LA, will be moving in December to Ft. Monmouth, NJ, to attend the Chaplain Officer Advance Course for six months. Paul has been selected for promotion and will probably have a two-year tour of duty in Seoul, Korea, next July.

**Ron** (WBC '74) and **Barbara Pyles** teach at Hollywood Christian School. Ron is also Associate Editor of "Christians for Life" Newsletter in Hollywood, Florida.

## 1966 - 1970

**Ron** and **Beth (Carpenter, WBC '70) Benoit**, BCM Int'l, PA, continue to be involved with Released Time Bible Classes, recently moved into a new house, and continue to wait for the remaining 50% support needed for their ministry.

**Thom** (WBC '69) and **Carolyn (Seekell, WBC '70) Cunningham**, WEF Ministries, England, help two teams in literature and evangelistic outreach in Northampton and Wellingborough. They coordinate the production and distribution of all materials for both ministries, conduct "Seekers Fellowship" to help equip the local people in reaching others, and coordinate special evangelistic film services.

**Dan and Barbara (Norton) Kees** (WBC '66) had an opportunity to visit with her sister **Bev Gaudet** (WBC '70) and husband **Rick** (WBC '72), missionaries who were home on furlough from Austria.

**Linda McInturff** (WBC '67), TEAM, Venezuela, has made a decision to leave the TEAM print shop ministry and begin a ministry of youth work, visitation, discipling and counseling within her local church.

**John** (WBC '70) and **Sharon (Savidge) Metzger** have settled into a full-time job (though John misses the ministry) while "plugging away" at seminary courses. They both are involved at Courier Baptist Church and have the boys enrolled at Lititz Christian School.

**Lianne Roembke** (WBC '67), CCC, West Germany, rejoices with the German staff in their acquisition of a new headquarters building plus a national director who will give leadership to the staff.

**Ray and Ruth (Wiles) Shive** (WBC '67), TEAM, South Africa, ask prayer for the men's dorm building program which has been delayed by the City Council. "We need wisdom to recognize God's sovereign hand . . . and to know exactly what He wants us to do."

**Steve** (WBC '69) and Leah **Walter**, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Colombia, "expect two additional New Testaments to be published this year to add to the six already completed. Pray especially that there will be freedom to distribute these . . . before access to the local areas is cut off."

## 1961 - 1965

**Herbert** (CBS '65, WBC '58) and **Gaye Arnold** have accepted the pastorate at Denbigh Baptist Church, Denbigh, VA, effective this November. "Buddy" will conclude his ministry in Ottawa, Canada, October 28.

**Carol (Mehring, AE '65) Boyer** serves as Special Assistant to the president of Philadelphia College of Bible. She also gave us an update on **Sterling** (WBC '69) who lives in Bethesda with wife Connie and two sons and continues to work in real estate sales.

**Samuel Jeremiah** (WBC '65), D.C. Bible Institute, rejoices in God's provision of their new location at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church's education building.

**D. Edward Smith** (WBC '62) has assumed the position of General Director, Mid-America Mission in Green Forest, AR.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Special congratulations to the following "happily married" couples:*

Laura Williams to **Joe Brennan** (WBC '80), June 4, 1983.

**Emily Jones** (Former Student) to **Jonathan Burke** (WBC '84), May 20, 1984.

**Lois Carlson** (WBC '73, Former Faculty) to Jerry Anderson, September 22, 1984.

**Cheryl Dugan** (WBC '80) to Samuel Cowles, August 11, 1984.

**Tamara Swift** (WBC '84) to **John Foster** (WBC '84), July 28, 1984.

**Terri Ramsey** (WBC '84) to **Tim Fowler** (WBC '84), August 22, 1984.

**Maureen Maier** (Present Student) to **Eric Longnecker** (WBC '83), June 9, 1984.

**Carla Willison** (Present Student) to **Tim Lykins** (WBC '84), August 3, 1984.

**Brenda Moberger** (Former Student) to **Joshua McPherson** (Former Student), August 25, 1984.

Nancy Messina to **David Malecki** (WBC '84), September 29, 1984.

**Pat Hirt** (Former Faculty) to **Steve Moseley** (CBS '77), August 18, 1984.

**Judith Debrick** (Former Student) to **Lloyd Shaffer** (Former Student), March 10, 1984.

**Leisa Roszman** (WBC '83) to **Robert Shull** (WBC '83), June 16, 1984.

**Pamela Kachel** (WBC '82) to **Youssef Soufiane** (WBC '83), August 11, 1984.

Aartje to **Ray Walters** (WBC '80), April 13, 1984.

**Sharon Gunter** (WBC '79) to Thomas Worman, May 26, 1984.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We extend our congratulations to the proud parents of the class of 2002.*

Heather Jane, April 10, 1984, to Roger and **Phyllis (Paschal)**, WBC '75 **Awe**.

Justin Mark, November 20, 1984, to **Dale** (WBC '82) and **Judy (Wills Berg)**.

Carly, April 25, 1984, to **Charlie** (WBC '81) and **Karen Bing**.

Tilaundia Love, February 2, 1984, to James and **Martha (Sweatte, WBC '81) Buckingham**.

Ryan Timothy, November 7, 1983, to **Tim** (WBC '81) and **Debbie (Fike, WBC '80) Buhr**.

Michael Thomas, July 2, 1984, to **Tom** (WBC '82) and **Robin (Weiler, WBC '84) Coleman**.

Caleb William, December 20, 1983, to Jack and **Becky (Saint, WBC '75 Einwechter**.

Robert Daniel, July 27, 1984, to **Gale and Tannie (Steen) Glahn** (WBC '76).

Hannah Ruth, August 15, 1984, to **Ed** (CBS '78, WBC '74) and Sharon Guyer.

Leah May, March 25, 1984 to **Ken and Marcia (Noel) Hornok** (WBC '68).

Esther Lynn, April 4, 1984, to **Dean and Beverly (Runde) Kennedy** (WBC '75).

Renee Stephanie, June 27, 1984 to Steve and **Kathy (Robinson) Kuehn**.

Joseph Daniel, March 25, 1984, to **Paul** (CBS '68, WBC '65) and **Adele (Helgerson, WBC '66) Mangum**.

Paul Edward, September 25, 1984, to **Dan** (CBS '81) and Cathie **Rembold**.

Anne Elizabeth, April 11, 1984 to **Ken** (CBS '75, WBC '72) and **Ginny (Fletcher, WBC '79) Mauger**.

Laura Mae, May 11, 1984, to **Mike** (CBS '81) and Leslie **Meysenburg**.

Timothy Paul, September 22, 1984, to **David** (WBC '77) and Fran **Rohrer**.

Christopher Joseph, August 11, 1984, to **Jeff** (WBC '76) and Judith **(Feldman) Smallwood**.

Jonathan David, May 8, 1983, to Frederick and **Donna (Ericson, WBC '76) Strauss**.

Lauren Nicole, July 5, 1984, to **Geoff** (WBC '75) and **Doris (Willison, WBC '79) Wheeler**.

Timothy Young, January 13, 1984, adopted son of **Jim** (WBC '75) and Lynne **Woods**.

Our special love and sympathy to **David and Tory (Trabue, WBC '81 Grubic** on the loss of their litter daughter, Jessica Ruth, born September 15, 1984.

## MISSIONARY UPDATE

<b>Awaiting God's Timing</b>	<b>Needs</b>
<b>Larry Bartholomew</b>	Barbados Support / Deputation
<b>Jim &amp; Joanne Callahan</b> <b>Roger &amp; Becky Christiana</b> <b>Tony &amp; Jelena Gomes</b>	Malaysia Pennsylvania Portugal Support / Deputation
<b>Lee &amp; Gerry Harclerode II</b> <b>Dean &amp; Sylvia Hebron</b>	Arizona/New Mexico New Zealand Support / Deputation
<b>Janet Lohr</b> <b>David &amp; Ginny Long</b>	Irian Jaya Malawi, South Africa Visa Support / Deputation
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Many of the above have been waiting over a year for support, visas, etc., so continue to remember them in prayer that God would supply His grace until His timing for them to go.

## THE GUIDE TO PRACTICAL PASTORING

by C. Sumner Wemp

(Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982, 279 pages)

Review by George Harton

# BOOK REVIEW

**S**umner Wemp writes from a rich background of experience gained in a number of pastorates. While this book is addressed primarily to preachers and those aspiring to vocational ministry, it is relevant to all Christians involved in the ministry of the local church.

### STRENGTHS

The greatest strength of this volume is the heart and spirit of Wemp that comes across to the reader through its pages. Humor, joy, and enthusiasm for the ministry bubble out of each chapter. Prayer pervades the pragmatic procedures throughout the book. Above all there is a positive emphasis on loving people:

Love your people. Yes, I said this at the very outset of this book, but it bears repeating. Love is the key to your whole ministry. People are starved for love. They have been browbeaten most of their lives. They get enough guff at work. What a transformation when they begin to find out that God loves them. My, how they are drawn to a preacher who loves them! (p. 66).

If this book helps the Christian worker to emphasize this attitude and spirit it will be worth its weight in gold, and go a long way toward reducing the splits and people-problems in many fundamental churches.

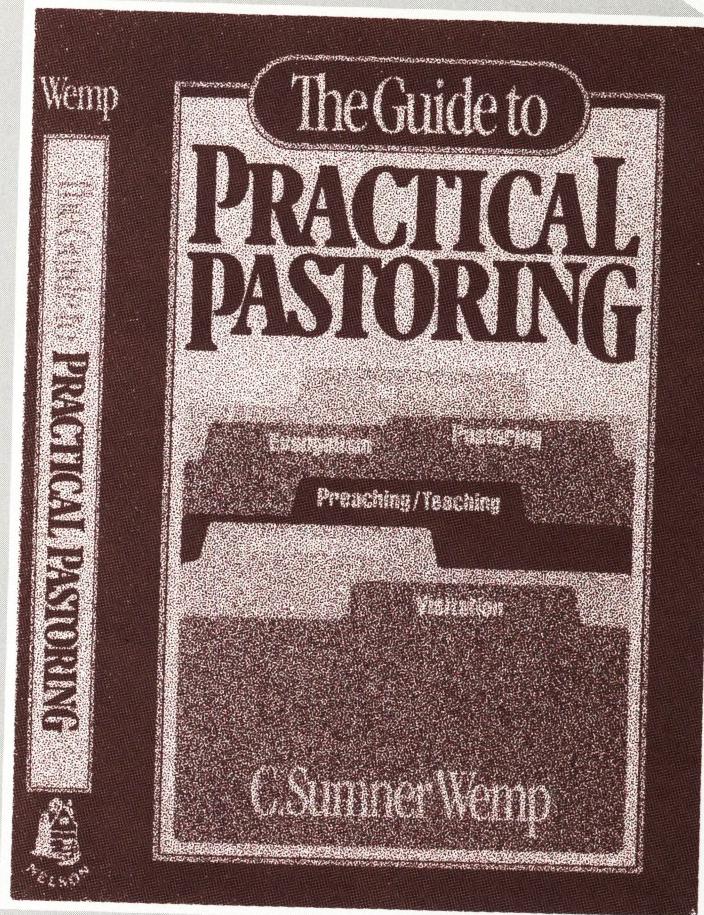
Other strengths of Wemp's style include his clarity, brevity, and engaging manner. The writing is clear because statements are to the point and often clarified through contrasting negatives. Nothing is assumed on most subjects. The directive nature of Wemp's approach prevents anyone getting lost in philosophy or possible views of a subject. There is liberal use of dialogue and personal testimonies to illustrate and motivate. These elements along with the enthusiasm and joy of the writer help make this book interesting and easy to read.

Treatment of all subjects is extremely practical. While no one will agree with all of the procedures recommended, every reader will come away with more than one good idea to try out. The book is a good resource of ideas as Wemp offers short courses on personal evangelism, homiletics, and church planting in addition to the expected material on pastoring (shepherding).

### WEAKNESSES

So many subjects are introduced that the brevity on some makes the comments almost useless (e.g., the sentence or two on each of the qualifications of an overseer, pp. 29-32). In contrast, the treatment of some subjects is too detailed (such as instructions regarding the filling of the tank before a baptism and draining it afterwards, p. 129).

The biggest element omitted from the book is the consideration of body-life and the ministry of members in relation to the pastor. One almost gets the impression that the pastor is to do all the loving, the evangelizing, and the edifying. Surely, Wemp does not teach this, but this impression comes from the paucity of sug-



gestions for training lay people for the work of the ministry.

Other aspects will be rated as strengths or weaknesses based on the reader's agreement or disagreement with the author's independent Baptist orientation in polity and emphasis upon evangelism. Yet with its chapters on ordinations, visitation, weddings, funerals, baptisms, communion, child dedication, ushers, personal evangelism, evangelistic ministries, foreign missions, young people, Christian service, and pastors' wives, this book has practical helps for every reader. May every reader share in the joy of loving people exemplified by Sumner Wemp in this volume.

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